Railway Board has taken up steps to convert its air-conditioned railway coaches from R-12 gas to environment friendly refrigerant gas.

Financial assistance to Animal Welfare Organisations

1100. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Animal Welfare Board of India gives financial assistance to eligible Animal Welfare Organizations for regular schemes;

(b) if so, the detail of eligible AWOs and regular schemes for which they have been given financial assistance during the last three years; and

(c) how it is ensured that the financial assistance given is properly utilized for the purpose it was given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State wise details of financial assistance provided under the regular scheme of Animal Welfare Board of India, to eligible Animal Welfare Organizations (AWOs), for the last three years, are annexed in the statements (*See* below).

Grants under the scheme are given to AWOs for the following components:—

(i) Maintenance of Rescue Home for Animals

(ii) Water Troughs/Water facilities

(iii) Rescue operations during flood/cyclone/drought and other natural calamities and rescue of sick and abandoned animals including of accident cases

(iv) Purchase of Medical Equipment

(v) Purchase of Medicine

(vi) Establishment charges-SPCA inspectors/Veterinary, Doctor/Veterinary Assistants/compounders, Ambulance Drivers, Field Staff etc.

(vii) Furthering the objectives of Animal Welfare activities (initial grant)

(c) All AWOs receiving grants in aid are required to furnish Utilization Certificates duly certified by a Chartered Accountant specifying the amount utilized for each component. AWOs also require to provide audited accounts at the end of the financial year. Inspections of AWOs are also conducted by Animal Welfare Board of India.

Statement

State-wise details of financial assistance provided to AWOs

(a) Abstract of Grants released to AWOs from AWBI-Plan Account during the Year 2003-2004

Sl. No.	State	No. of AWOs	Amount of Grant Released Rs.
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	41	1618560
2.	Assam	5	110000
3.	Bihar	8	364000
4.	Jharkhand	2	105000
5.	Delhi	21	1736940
6.	Goa	1	40000
7.	Gujarat	102	8094000
8.	Haryana	90	8094730
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2	35000
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	4	100000
11.	Karnataka	9	620000
12.	Kerala	6	170000
13.	Madhya Pradesh	110	6698990
14.	Chhattisgarh	3	328000
15.	Maharashtra	37	1582000
16.	Manipur	3	60000

1	2	3	4
17.	Orissa	31	1565980
18.	Punjab	29	1258840
19.	Rajasthan	169	7752480
20.	Tamil Nadu	47	2704250
21.	Tripura	2	35000
22.	Uttar Pradesh	97	4629420
23.	Uttaranchal	4	85000
24.	West Bengal	19	660000
	TOTAL:	842	

(b) Abstract of Grants released to AWOs from AWBI-Plan Account during the Year 2004-2005

Sl. No.	State	No. of AWOs	Amount of Grant Released Rs.
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	49	3062780
2.	Assam	3	175000
3.	Bihar	10	233000
4.	Jharkhand	4	305300
5.	Delhi	18	1705020
6.	Goa	4	210000
7.	Gujarat	68	4361000
8.	Haryana	93	8591670
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3	60000
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	34000
11.	Karnataka	12	650000

1	2	3	4
12.	Kerala	8	140000
13.	Madhya Pradesh	117	4103240
14.	Chhattisgarh	4	463000
15.	Maharashtra	34	2345770
16.	Manipur	2	35000
17.	Orissa	15	360000
18.	Punjab	37	1673740
19.	Rajasthan	326	15357565
20.	Tamil Nadu	53	3070910
21.	Tripura	1	25000
22.	Uttar Pradesh	110	6208740
23.	Uttaranchal	5	110000
24.	West Bengal	25	887000
	TOTAL:	1002	54167735

(c) Abstract of Grants released to AWOs from AWBI-Plan Account During the Year 2005-2006

Sl. No.	State	No. of AWOs	Amount of Grant Released Rs.
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	35	1424100
2.	Assam	2	50000
3.	Bihar	2	65000
4.	Jharkhand	2	140000
5.	Delhi	9	510000
6.	Goa	4	85000
7.	Gujarat	60	4620000

1	2	3	4
8.	Haryana	94	7936700
9.	Himachal Pradesh	4	85000
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	61	50000
11.	Karnataka	68	355000
12.	Kerala	2	35000
13.	Madhya Pradesh	99	4429600
14.	Chhattisgarh	4	480000
15.	Maharashtra	26	880000
16.	Manipur	1	25000
17.	Orissa	15	360000
18.	Punjab	19	1420000
19.	Rajasthan	204	11930100
20.	Tamil Nadu	30	985000
21.	Tripura	0	0
22.	Uttar Pradesh	76	4018900
23.	Uttaranchal	2	35000
24.	West Bengal	14	675000
	TOTAL:	833	40594400

Non-protection of tiger reserves

1101. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the protection given to national parks and sanctuaries in the Wildlife Act is not extended to forests notified as tiger reserves;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when it would be extended;

(c) the impact of non-protection of tiger reserves on the tiger population and their safety; and